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TOPIC Information on KVP Units in Sternbuchholz 25X1A

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DATE OF CONTENT mid-August and 5 September 1953

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. Source learned [redacted] that about 40 percent of the KVP effectives stationed at Sternbuchholz moved to the Erfurt area in mid-August 1953.¹

2. On 5 September 1953, the KVP barracks installation at Sternbuchholz quartered about 3,000 men who wore red and red-bordered black epaulets. Lieutenant Colonel Nacke was commanding officer of the Bereitschaft. KVP details observed included 30 men being trained with 10 x 120-mm mortars; 40 men with 6 model ZIS-3 light field guns; and about 10 squads of about 8 men each being trained on light machine guns. Near the entrance of the installation source saw two T-34 tanks.

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1. Comment. A troop train observed on 28 August, may be connected with this transfer.

2. Comment. KVP Bereitschaft Sternbuchholz [redacted] belongs to TV Schwerin. The Bereitschaft mainly consists of infantry units with assigned artillery. This assumption is supported by the service colors observed at Sternbuchholz. Lieutenant Colonel Karl Nacke, a former German Army Lieutenant colonel and regimental commander was previously reported as being the commanding officer of Bereitschaft Sternbuchholz. In November 1952, he was, allegedly, transferred to the EVKVP and detached to a training course in the USSR. The present report indicates that after returning from the USSR, Nacke took over the command of the KVP unit in Sternbuchholz as successor to Major Schroeder who was transferred to Oranienburg.

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